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In re Patent Application of)
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For: PACKAGING MACHINE)

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dated: September 27, 2000

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CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continued prosecution application under 37 CFR 1.53(d) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/372,009, filed August 11, 1999, by MASAO FUKUDA and MICHIIHIRO KUBO, for PACKAGING MACHINE, by Inventor(s):

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The prior application in which no payment of the issue fee, abandonment of, or termination of proceedings has occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application. Please use all the contents of the prior application file jacket, including the specification, drawings, and oath or declaration, as the basic papers for the new application.

1. A preliminary amendment (Preliminary Amendment "C") is enclosed.
2. The filing fee is calculated to be \$690.00, a check for which is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or

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credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-1030. This authorization is provided in duplicate.

3. The prior application is assigned of record to ISHIDA CO., LTD..

4. Priority of application Serial No. 10-234669, filed August 20, 1998, and application Serial No. 10-238412, filed August 25, 1998, both in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119. The certified copy has been filed in prior application Serial No. 09/372,009, filed August 11, 2000.

5. The Power of Attorney appearing in the prior application is to the Customer Number provided below.

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7. The term in the pending prior application has been extended to October 3, 2000. A copy Petition For Extension Of Time is being filed simultaneously herewith.

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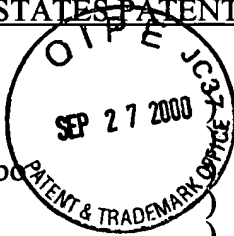
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT "C"

Sir:

Prior to the first Office Action in the above-referenced application which is being submitted simultaneously herewith as a continued prosecution application (CPA) of parent application Serial No. 09/372,009 filed August 11, 1999, regarding which the period for response to the final Office Action dated May 3, 2000, is hereby requested to be extended by two months to October 3, 2000, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Add the following new claim:

--18. A packaging machine comprising:

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